

# Claiborne Parish



*“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Claiborne	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	26.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	36.8%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	9.4%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,504	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	95.0%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	1.9%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	6.0	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	89.2%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	84.2%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	10.7%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	19.2%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	587.5	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	486.6	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	17.1*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	340.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	279.4	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	12.5	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	5.5	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	22.0%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	27.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	68.3%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

## History<sup>1, 2</sup>

Named after the first governor of Louisiana, Claiborne joined the list of Louisiana parishes on March 11, 1828.

Only a few years before, the first settlers arrived in this region, a wilderness of virgin forests at that time. The parish courthouse (in Homer) is a classic example of Greek Revival architecture (dating from 1861) and is one of the oldest public buildings in continuous use in the state. Claiborne Parish is the birthplace of T. H. Harris, superintendent of public education for several decades. Several Indian temple mounds are in the area. The first airmail in the South was delivered from Shreveport to Homer on July 21, 1920.

Located in northwestern Louisiana, Claiborne Parish is situated in some of the most scenic hill country in Louisiana. Beautiful flowering plants and trees or colorful autumn foliage greet the visitor. Extensive forests, fields, streams, Caney Lake, and Lake Claiborne create a Sportsman's Haven. There are also numerous festivals in addition to the Claiborne Parish Festival in Haynesville, bluegrass music shows and the annual rodeo. History buffs may step back in time in Homer at the H.S. Ford Museum and Claiborne Parish Courthouse, famous as one of four pre-Civil War courthouses still in use. In Summerfield, visit the only two-story log house in Louisiana.



**Parish Seat**<sup>3</sup> ..... Homer

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

- N/A

## Parish Population<sup>4</sup>

2000.....	16,851
2003 (estimate) .....	16,534
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	51.8%
African-American .....	47.4%
Some other race.....	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) .....	0.8%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	6.0%
5-14 .....	14.9%
15-17 .....	4.7%
18-19 .....	2.7%
20-24 .....	5.2%
25-64 .....	49.2%
65 & over .....	17.3%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation .....	281ft.
Land area in square miles .....	755
Water area in square miles .....	12.9

**Climate**

Average temperatures	
Annual .....	64°
January .....	53°
July .....	92°
Annual average rainfall .....	52 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

Claiborne Parish	
Civilian.....	5,831
Employed .....	5427
Unemployed.....	404
Unemployment.....	6.9%
Louisiana	
Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)**

- Bossier Parish Community College
- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Centenary College
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Southern University and A&M College, Shreveport

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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
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